

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3522 - HB 4167

February 13, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Punishes teen athletes who use anabolic steroids by removing their eligibility to compete in interscholastic events for two years, unless such steroids are prescribed by a licensed physician for a medical condition. Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to establish abuse prevention programs for anabolic steroids. Sets out reporting requirements for teachers and principals and requires loss of employment for three years upon violation. Makes illegal use of anabolic steroids a Class C felony, with the possibility of an additional \$250,000 fine.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$61,900/Incarceration*
\$16,000/One-Time**

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Three offenders per year will serve 0.9 years (328.73 days) for a Class C felony offense of illegal use of anabolic steroids. According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2008 is \$62.78. The total cost per inmate at 0.9 years is \$20,637.67 (\$62.78 x 328.73). The total operating cost for three offenders per year is \$61,913.01 (\$20,637.67 x 3).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.
- According to the Department of Education, the Comprehensive Health Education Standards committee will meet twice for two-day meetings to select curriculum regarding abuse prevention programs. Travel expenses for twelve committee members are approximately \$625 per day and \$1,250 per meeting. Two meetings would cost approximately \$15,000 (\$1,250 x 12 = \$15,000). Curriculum printing and website additions cost approximately \$1,000. Total cost is approximately \$16,000.
- Incorporation of steroid abuse prevention in existing health, physical education, and science classes will increase state and local expenditures by a not significant amount.

**Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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